

make a clean shot through a clean basket and he'll quit throwing ridiculous shots. Also take away the backboards and you'll take away the only excuse for cluttering up the courts with overgrown oafs whose only excuse for being around is their excessive height," says Mooney.

His suggestions are sensible.

Paul's Lions are a small, speedy team, a team likely to give Penn. or even Cornell a rousing fight for this year's E.I.L. crown. If Columbia should win it will bear out his opinion that a little team well-coached, well-conditioned with accurate shots, can offset the big goofs of basketball.

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SUNLIGHT ON SPORTS

Basketball Now Sissy Game, Old-Timer Yearns For Action, They Run Instead of Pass. By JESSE A. LINTHICUM

At long last an old-timer has been discovered who shares the belief that basketball ain't what she used to be.

Bill Scheffer, known in Philadelphia as the Connie Mack of basketball, declares they have made a sissy game out of a he-man's sport.

Scheffer's basketball days date back to the time when they put 10 men in a cage with a referee and turned them loose. He has been identified with the amateur as well as the professional game.

No Science In Game Now

"The rules are the biggest detriment to the game today," Don Basenfelder quotes Scheffer in the Philadelphia Record. "The magnates and coaches, in attempting to beat the rules with new legislation, have apparently beaten themselves.

"Elimination of the center jump except at the start of the game and during the last five minutes of play has been extremely harmful to the sport.

"There was nothing prettier than to see a forward or guard come in for the tap on a signal from the center. There's no science in the game now, for you can't have perfect plays. You had to work for the ball in the old days. Now they hand it to you.

"Today's game is a running affair--forward and backward. Instead of passing and cutting like they used to it's brought the long-distance shooter into the picture. Of course, there are more and better long shots than before.

"Foul throwers are also more proficient," Scheffer agreed, "than when one player on each team shot all the penalties."

Toot! Toot!! Action Stoops

Referees play a part in slowing down the game. Many of them have a tendency to take the play away from the athletes.

There is nothing worse in sport than a deep-chested official with a big whistle, and a yen to blow it loud and often. He soon becomes as annoying as the youngster who received a bugle on his birthday.

Yes, Scheffer said a mouthful when he declared: "They put 10 men and a referee in a cage--and locked the door. It was just like a battle royal--and do I wish it would come back again--even for one night.

And if it returned for one night this writer would see his first basketball game in 10 years.

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